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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

NURSERY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025

10:00 AM

Cover Art: "Ashton Cairns with wood hauled from Karen and Pat Johnson's for our neighbors affected by homelessness." Photo provided by Cathy Hecht



**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)**

If you're joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

*PROCESSIONAL All Glory, Laud, and Honor #196

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Humble God who conquers death, not people.

All: Hosanna! We love you.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Today we remember you coming into Jerusalem, to save us!

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Forgive us for not witnessing your presence in our community today. Forgive us for not taking the coats off our back for you.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna in the highest! Heal our relationships with our families. Heal our relationships with our neighbors. Heal our relationships with you. Heal us. May we witness you in the face's of each person we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #197

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: UPC, where do we turn when life seems bleak? Where do we go when the brokenness of the world seems to outweigh God's promises? Always, we should turn to the promise of Christ we see in his birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." In response you may say "And also with you!" (you may pass the peace in the comments section)

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

*RESPONSE Jesus Loves Me! #188

CHANCEL CHOIR On That Day

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mac Burriss

Old Testament

Psalm 84

SERMON The Shirt Off Your Back: Welcoming Christ
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Luke 19: 28-40

*HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #611

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE For the Life That You Have Given #717

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who knows us deeply, we say Hosanna! May we be "shirt off our backs" kind of people. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever their from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. May we always turn to our neighbors, made in the image of Christ, in empathy! Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN You Shall Go Out with Joy #80

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Rib Dinner this year will be Wednesday, April 30 starting at 4:00 PM

UPC COMMUNITY GARDENER SIGN-UP CONTINUES TODAY!

It's time to sign up to be a gardener in the 2025 UPC Community Garden. In our garden, we raise vegetables used for Community Dinners and for school lunches and thereby help to address food insecurity in the community. We now have just one container left to be adopted: it is a raised bed on church grounds in which potatoes are to be raised. Visit the table in the narthex after today's service to sign up or to get more information. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be collecting our One Great Hour of Sharing offering today! See the insert for more details.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & POTLUCK

Our Maundy Thursday Service will be April 17, at 6:30 pm. We will be doing a soup potluck (no sign-up sheet) so bring a soup of your choice to share! The church will be providing sandwiches along with coffee and drinks. Also, we will be having a staffed Kids' table at our Maundy Thursday potluck. Don't hesitate to bring the young ones as we join together!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT UNITED

Holy Week at UPC begins with our Palm Sunday service today (w/palms). Holy Week continues with our Maundy Thursday service on April 17, at 6:30 pm (child care service is available on Maundy Thursday). We will celebrate Good Friday with the churches of Superior at Concordia Lutheran on Friday, April 18 at 1:00 pm. Easter Sunday will be full beginning with a Sunrise service at Wisconsin Point lot # 1 at roughly 5:55 am followed by breakfast at 8:00 am, a kids Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 am, and Worship at 10:00 am.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 19: 28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah* Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah* Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden*— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery— Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk— Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided!

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Men's Breakfast— First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women— Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM.
- Welcome Fundraiser— The Twin Ports Welcome Crew and the Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice invites you to their inaugural welcome fundraiser at Peace Church in Duluth, MN on April 24 at 5:15 pm. See the flyer in the narthex or contact the church (715-392-4751) for more details.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Fine

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D
the moun - tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em
fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em
trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G
the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D
the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em
while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in".

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these".

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;".

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

The fourth system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to".

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The fifth system of music concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing."